

INTERMYER ASSAILS BUILDING EMPLOYERS

Says Their Competition for Labor Is to Blame for High Wages.

INQUIRY AGAIN TO-DAY

Master Plumbers to Tell of Conditions Menacing \$50,000,000 Contracts.

HODCARRIERS STILL OUT

Arbitration Doesn't Hold Between Unions Who Endanger All Construction.

Employers more than union laborers are responsible for any excessive wages the latter may get in the building trades, said Samuel Undermyer last night in indicating a possible line of inquiry the Lockwood committee may pursue to-day into the plumbers, plasterers, bricklayers and building helpers trades. The committee will reconvene for two days at City Hall at 10 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Undermyer said he believed it could be shown that organized builders consistently had bid against each other for men for a year since the labor shortage became more critical. He thought this was true not only against "independent" contractors but also between members of the associations.

Relief would have been found in fixed wage scales such as proposed last spring by the Lockwood committee, agreed to by labor but rejected by the builders, asserted Mr. Undermyer. The scales have since proved to be less than those the employers have created by their own competition. There is no wage scale in the building industry, the last agreement having expired in December of a year ago.

Master plumbers are expected to present to the committee their predictions that unless labor realizes its "exorbitant demands," cessation of work on \$50,000,000 worth of contracts for 1923 is inevitable. The employers say that although the union scale is \$9 a day the labor shortage "maintained by the unions" has forced it to \$10 to \$15. Cutting pipe hands, as demanded by the unions, instead of by machinery, is said to cost 50 per cent. more, and help prevent a reduction to the public of from 30 to 40 per cent. in the cost of plumbing. The employers complain that the Lockwood committee failed to break up these abuses, although they were admitted at its hearings.

The hodcarriers' fight will be up again, although Mr. Undermyer ostensibly arbitrated it a week ago. This is a long standing jurisdictional dispute between the American Federation of Labor organization and an "independent" group regarded as a "company union" of the employers.

Some permanent adjustment in this matter is regarded as important because it has become the Balkans of the building trades. It nearly precipitated a city wide building tieup two weeks ago through a quarrel between bricklayers and builders.

SENATOR KNOX'S ESTATE FIXED AT \$1,464,724

Executor's Report Made in Tax Proceedings.

The estate of former Senator Philander C. Knox, who died in Washington October 12, 1921, amounted to \$1,464,724, according to a report of the executor, the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh, made in a tax proceeding filed yesterday with the New York State Tax Commission showed that Senator Knox owned copper mining stock here appraised at \$435,000.

HURT IN COLLISION, GIRL WINS \$19,000

Father Had Received Award of \$2,700.

A jury in the Supreme Court at White Plains yesterday returned a verdict of \$19,000 in favor of Martha A. Schmidt, 17, of Roseton, N. Y., against the Abraham Blumenthal and Isadore Elson Auto Company of New York, for injuries received April 17, 1921. Her father was awarded \$2,700 in a suit for the loss of her services.

ASTOR'S MEN TESTIFY IN WET CLUB INQUIRY

Secretary and Butler Queried on Bachelor Dinner.

William A. Dobbyn, private secretary to Vincent Astor, and John Brooks, Mr. Astor's butler, were two of the six witnesses to testify yesterday before the Federal Grand Jury investigating a supposed champagne cork popping contest which took place at a bachelor dinner given in a club in the vicinity of Thirty-fourth street and Park avenue.

GOV. M'CRAE TO SPEAK.

Gov. Warren M'Crae of Indiana will be the principal speaker at the Indiana Club dinner to-night at the McAlpin Hotel. Everett Sanders, Representative to Congress from that State, will speak on "Early Politics in Indiana."

Suit Aims to Oust Prison and Railroad at Ossining

HOWARD G. BISHOP and others have brought suit against Willis P. Thomas before Justice Tompkins in the Supreme Court, White Plains, for the partition of property in a legal scheme that involves an attempt to oust the New York Central Railroad, several factories and Sing Sing Prison from their present sites at Ossining. The suit is based on the proposition that the present tenants have been occupying land under water and that they filled in this land without paying the owners. The question of ownership goes back to letters of patent issued in 1787.

MOTOR FIRE STALLS EAST SIDE SUBWAY

Hundreds of Passengers Have to Grope Way Through Emergency Exits.

A motor on a southbound ten car Lexington avenue subway express burst into flame at Ninety-first street during the rush hour yesterday morning, stalling the train and causing the passengers to group their way along the tracks to emergency exits. There was excitement but nothing approaching a panic. Four of the passengers were attended by ambulance surgeons, but none was injured seriously.

They were Viola Balan, 19, 118 East 125th street, treated for shock; Rosa Litway, 1531 Southern boulevard, The Bronx, lacerated left leg; Henry Spencer, 46, 55 West 135th street, treated for shock; and Benjamin Rosenthal, 39, 1035 Tiffany street, The Bronx, lacerated left leg.

Traffic was tied up on the express tracks for about an hour and the congestion at Grand Central was great. Crows also thronged the Times Square subway station on the West Side because of a tie up at Seventy-second street, where a southbound Broadway and Seventh avenue express developed motor trouble. Ten other expresses were stalled before the crippled train came limping into the Times Square station, where it was sidetracked.

The blowout on the Lexington avenue express took place at 8:15 and it stopped dead just below Ninety-first street. An alarm of fire was turned in and Hook and Ladder Company 13 responded. The interborough officials had shut off the power, however, and the burning insulation on the contact shoe had been extinguished by the train crew with promptness.

Acting Chief Patrick Brody and Deputy Chief Thomas Dougherty of the Fire Department, accompanied by Patrolman Raymond of the Fire Department, descended the emergency exit at Ninety-first street and aided about 400 passengers, who were walking along the tracks, to reach the street. Scrambled and crowded the train until it reached Eighty-sixth street.

MISS SOUTHMAYD SANE, HER PHYSICIAN SAYS

Tells of Her Sense of Obligation to Charities.

Dr. Lewis F. Frissell of 113 East Fifty-ninth street, personal physician to the late Emily F. Southmayd for nearly eight years, was the principal witness yesterday at the trial of the contest of Miss Southmayd's will before Surrogate Foley and a jury. The will, disposing of an estate valued at \$3,000,000, is contested by a nephew and three nieces because of extensive gifts to charitable and religious institutions.

EIGHT CRAGER SYSTEM MEN HELD FOR TRIAL

Accused of Working Huge Fraud Through Mails.

When arraigned yesterday before Judge John C. Knox in the United States District Court, eight defendants pleaded not guilty to indictments returned last week charging the use of the mails to defraud in connection with the operations of the Crager System, Inc., 104 West Forty-second street. The defendants released and their bail were: Benjamin Crager, 719 River Drive, \$10,000; David Balter, 204 West Fifty-ninth street, \$5,000; Henry Crager, \$2,000; Samuel Safir, \$15,000; Henry Slideman, \$10,000; Samuel Getzler, \$10,000; Kaplan, \$2,000; Fred S. Amer, \$2,000, the last six of Chicago.

BAKHMETEFF IN BUSINESS.

Former Russian Ambassador Is an Expert.

Boris A. Bakhmeteff, former Russian Ambassador to the United States, has opened an office at 2 Rector street, with the announcement that his occupation will be "consultation and advice, engineering, economics, finance, in matters connected with foreign business."

Bug Takes His Morphine Straight and Outlives Six Insect Friends

Brennon McCarver, a Government narcotics agent stationed in Washington, sent a small box to Dr. Carleton Simon, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, five days ago, explaining that it contained a narcotic and that he had acquired it in a raid in the District of Columbia. Dr. Simon found in it seven cubes of morphine, and in each cube he found a bug, seven bugs in all. In each bug there appeared to be a quantity of morphine.

Of all these bugs only one lives, and he is alive because he has had nothing to eat but morphine. The others had cocaine and raw meat and bread crumbs and milk, and they died, but the bug that lives was so smart to be fooled by the fact that he died last night was still alive and kicking, an object of wonder to the scientists of the American Museum of Natural History.

'PRESENT FOR BABY' WAS A LARGE BOMB

Infernal Machine Sizzles, but Fails to Explode as Lid Is Replaced.

DEADLY IN ITS MAKEUP

Jacob Percell, Intended Victim, Says He Knows of No Enemies.

Detectives of the Bomb Squad under Lieut. James Gegan were trying last night to trace the three pound bomb that was sent last Wednesday to Jacob Percell, a second hand furniture dealer of 949 Columbus avenue. The bomb, which started for a moment when Percell attempted to open the box in which it was mailed, contained enough powder, screws, nails and bolts to have wrecked the store and killed anybody who happened to be near.

Percell lives at 70 West 108th street and is the father of a baby girl Norma, who was born only a few days ago and for whom presents have been sprinkled almost daily. When he got the package he supposed it was meant for the baby and so he began quickly to open it. There was a sharp crackle, and then a slight sizzling. Percell dropped the box to the floor and ran to the street. Nothing happened, for the bomb, which proved to be rather clumsily constructed, failed to explode. Percell after a few minutes went back and carried the box carefully to the West 108th street police station, where it was soaked in water and examined by experts on bombs.

In the box was a can of black powder and around the can were packed heavy nuts, bolts and iron slugs. The contrivance for ignition was a circular wooden disc surrounded by matches, arranged to revolve and scratch on sandpaper when the sliding lid of the box was pulled open. Under these matches was a wad of loose cotton on a tip of a stick, and a small amount of gunpowder had been sprinkled. When Percell started to slide back the lid the sandpaper started the blaze, but when he jammed the lid shut again and dropped it he smothered the sizzling fuse, which in another instant would have blown up the shop.

Neither Percell nor the detectives of the bomb squad have been able to find a motive for the attempted murder and destruction of Percell, who had no enemies. He is 35 years old and the father of two children. The police learned that the package was taken to the office of the Western Union at 92 Broadway at a few minutes after 10 o'clock on the morning of December 6 by a man about 30 years old. Percell's name was written on the wrapping paper with a blue pencil and in a few minutes the package was on its way to the furniture dealer's shop.

TWO MEN LOSE LIVES IN MOTOR CAR MISHAPS

Customs Collector and Daughter Knocked Down.

Stephen Docko, 45, of Roslyn, was killed last night when the bicycle he was riding was struck on West Turnpike Hill, Roslyn, by a truck owned by Gimbel Brothers and operated by John Dubeck of 44 O'Donnell avenue, Jamaica. Docko leaves four children.

ORDER AS CHILDREN ESCAPE NEARBY FIRE

Three Alarm Blaze Threatens School and Church.

Fire on the third floor of the garage and stable of the Ebling Brewery, 156th to 157th street and St. Ann's to Eagle avenues, The Bronx, yesterday afternoon swept through the building, damaged a syrup plant on the brewery property and destroyed twenty-five gasoline and electric trucks in the garage. Seven horses in the stables were taken out in safety.

WIDOW GETS M'ALPIN HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

Will Disposes of Estate Valued at \$3,000,000.

The will of George L. McAlpin, formerly a director of the Hotel McAlpin and a son of the late David H. McAlpin, was filed for probate in Riverhead, L. I., yesterday. It disposes of an estate valued at \$3,000,000, including the summer residence at Easthampton.

BROKER GOES TO JAIL.

Unable to make bonds aggregating \$42,800, George Vickers, a broker of 42 Broadway, was lodged in Ludlow Street Jail late Saturday on a charge of stock fraud. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Murphy on complaint of James J. Godfrey, who alleged that Vickers had converted stock of the Mother Lode Copper Mining Company of Alaska which had been given in June, 1919, as collateral for a loan.

SEVEN HOUSES BURNED; SEVENTY ARE HOMELESS

Families in Astoria Driven Into Drizzle.

A fire that started at 6:30 o'clock last night in the barber shop at 36 Hoyt avenue, Astoria, spread quickly to the adjoining houses, destroying seven and threatening for a time to destroy an entire block of two story wooden dwellings. Seventy persons in fourteen families were driven from their homes into a drizzling rain. The damage was estimated at \$10,000.

No one was injured, although one woman ran out of a burning building wearing nothing except a small American flag, which she had snatched from the wall of her living room.

VAN RIPER SOUGHT INEVITABLE PROCEEDINGS

Alleged Backer of John H. Martin Wanted in Two Court Proceedings.

SOLVENT, BROKER SAYS

Another Man Denies Any Association With the Food Corporation.

Court officers in the bankruptcy of the Empire Food Products Company and in the pending bankruptcy petition against the John H. Martin Company, stock brokers, searched yesterday in vain for Lewis C. Van Riper, alleged backer of the food company, and for John H. Martin, head of the firm which is alleged to have sold stock in the company.

Arthur L. Ross, attorney for the petitioner against Martin, questioned Alexander Ackerson, attorney for Van Riper, and for Martin, before Harold P. Coffin, commissioner for the special master. Leon Dashew, attorney for the receiver of the food company, questioned Ackerson before Coffin, as referee. He refused to give the address of either client. He stated afterward he would be willing to produce them if he could obtain certain conditions for their examination, which he did not disclose. He desired Dashew to go before Judge Julian Mack of the United States District Court and obtain consent of the court to the conditions.

Ackerson contended that Martin is not bankrupt and that Mrs. John Julian of Kensington, Conn., the bankruptcy petitioner, is not a creditor. He placed Martin's assets at \$66,000 and his liabilities at \$4,100, and asserted that the petition is an act of "malicious persecution."

Dashew examined Walter S. Morton, president, and John D. Genger, secretary of the Pearson Engineering Corporation, in whose offices in the Flat Building, Broadway and Fifty-seventh street, the receiver has seized furniture as assets of the bankrupt Empire Food Products Company. Both admitted that the furniture was placed in the office by Van Riper. Morton said he understood it came from the former office of George H. Perkins & Co., bankrupt stock brokers. Genger said he thought some of it came from the Pearson Food Products Company. Morton claimed the furniture and presented a general release signed by Van Riper, but said he had paid Van Riper no consideration for the furniture. He said Van Riper desired to place it in his office to save paying storage.

Samuel Levine of 1061 Tinton avenue, The Bronx, denied the published statement, based upon the bankruptcy minutes, that he ever was president of the Empire Food Products Corporation, which was organized following the bankruptcy of the Empire Food Products Company and which had offices in the room of the Pearson Engineering Corporation. He is the second person, alleged in the record of the testimony to have been an officer, who has denied any connection with the concern.

Clarence Caruthers was surprised to learn that the referee had surmised that he was an officer of the company, and he also denied knowing anything about it. Dashew announced that he has called a meeting of creditors of the Empire Food Products Company at his office, 15 Park Row, to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

IN THE FASHION SALONS

All of Our Luxurious EVENING WRAPS Offered at One-third Less

A SALE OF TRUE MAGNIFICENCE

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Still an unusually fine collection of evening coats and capes of velvets and metal brocades of surpassing loveliness.

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THE WANAMAKER GALLERY

Modern Decorative Art

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BELMAISON

John Wanamaker—New York

The Christmas Store of John Wanamaker

Astor Place at Ninth Street

Telephone 4700 Stuyvesant

Store Hours: 9 to 6

"Dinna Ye Mind"

how your sweet old mother used to say:

"A green Christmas means a white Easter" and "a windy St. Patrick's Day?"

Truly the words of the old mother have a long life. They keep on coming back and coming back.

"The mither's breath is aye sweet," a full-grown young daughter is saying, proud and happy to have a mother living to give a present to this Christmas!

President Harrison's old Indiana friend, Lew Wallace, who wrote "Ben Hur," once said, "God may have thought He could not be everywhere, therefore He made mothers."

[Signed]

John Wanamaker

Written December 14, 1921.

Christmas Sale of Oriental Rugs

Where is the home that doesn't long for more Oriental rugs? No home ever has enough. There is always room for "just one more." Here is the opportunity to give a fine Oriental rug for Christmas at a lower-than-expected price.

Fine Rugs in carpet sizes

Name	Size	Grade	Sale Price
Gorovan—10.7 x 7.7 feet.....		\$250	\$150.00
Gorovan—9 x 9 feet.....		\$225	\$165.00
Mahal—10.1 x 7.5 feet.....		\$225	\$165.00
Mahal—10 x 7.4 feet.....		\$225	\$165.00
Gorovan—10.6 x 9.4 feet.....		\$250	\$175.00
Gorovan—11.1 x 7.6 feet.....		\$250	\$175.00
Anatolian—11.6 x 7.9 feet.....		\$275	\$206.50
Mahal—10.5 x 8.8 feet.....		\$300	\$225.00
Gorovan—13.7 x 9.9 feet.....		\$350	\$245.00
Gorovan—12.3 x 9.8 feet.....		\$375	\$250.00

Small and Medium Rugs

\$38 Rugs for \$19
25 Belochistan rugs in rich dark shades of blue and soft red; some tan; average size 5 x 3 feet.

\$95 to \$175 Hall Strips now \$66 to \$125
50 antique and modern Persian and Karadja hall strips in sizes from 8 ft. 6 in. x 3 ft. 8 in. to 17 ft. 7 in. x 2 ft. 9 in.

\$135 Rugs for \$90
25 Lelihan Dozar rugs, rich silky effects in small, well covered designs; average size 6 ft. 2 in. x 4 ft. 9 in.

\$75 Mosoul Rugs, \$56
35 rich silky Persian Mosouls in average size 6 ft. 6 in. x 3 ft. 6 in.

Chinese Rugs Less

250 small and medium size rugs, ranging from 4 x 2 feet to 6 x 4 feet.
\$26.25 to \$82.50 for the \$35 to \$110 grades
30 room size Chinese rugs, ranging from 9 x 6 feet to 13 ft. 3 in. x 9 ft. 10 in.
\$93.75 to \$270 for the \$125 to \$360 grades
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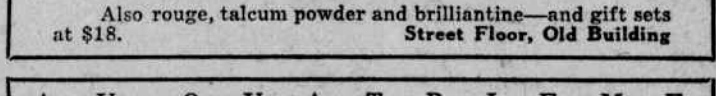
What is the scent? An exquisite echo of the Orient! Ever since the visit of the Emperor of Annam last Summer the Fashion dictators of Paris have turned to the magnificent arts and beauties of L'Indochine for their inspiration.

Vision d'Annam Extract, \$5 and \$15.
Extract, pocket size, in red leather case, \$2.
Vision d'Annam Sachet, \$1.50.
Vision d'Annam Face Powder, \$1.50.
Vision d'Annam Toilet Water, \$3 and \$5.

Also rouge, talcum powder and brilliantine—and gift sets at \$18.

Street Floor, Old Building

A U Q U A T R I E M E



Presents for Men from 75c to \$200

Dark red leather book for photographs, \$35.
Lacquered portfolio, desk pad and letter rack, gold chinoiserie on black, \$200 the set.

Lamps

Wrought iron floor lamps, \$20 and \$35. Paper shades for these with bands of plain colors, \$7.50 and \$12.

Persian oil jars wired for lamps, \$45, \$65 and \$85.

Wrought iron stand for fish globe, sea horse design in base, \$18.

Wide flat colored glass fish bowls to fit these stands, \$25.

Au Quatrieme also suggests as presents for men the sets of glasses in all sizes and shapes which are so important a part of its Venetian glass stock.

Fourth Floor, Old Building

IN THE BOYS' OWN SHOP

Boys' English-Made Sailor Suits

From Barran's of London and Leeds

A Sale!

Mothers who realize the exclusiveness and charm of English-made sailor suits for small boys will be delighted to choose from this limited lot.

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